

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain cover as in Claim [[1]] 23 wherein the frame includes a housing and the canopy in the stowed position being at least partly disposed in a roll in the housing.

4. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain cover as in Claim 3 wherein the canopy in the deployed position is biased toward the stowed position within the housing.

5. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain cover as in Claim 4 ~~including a~~ wherein the catch on the frame ~~[[and]]~~ cooperates with a rod attached to a leading edge of the canopy, the catch and rod engageable when the canopy is at the deployed position to prevent movement of the canopy toward the stowed position.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain ~~protector~~ cover as in Claim ~~[[6]]~~ 3 wherein:

a) the ~~curve~~ curved piece and the upright piece connect at a dog leg;

b) ~~a cylindrical~~ the housing is cylindrical and is supported at its ends in the ~~dogleg of each side member~~ doglegs and extends along a rear roof line of the golf cart; and

c) the canopy in its stowed position is at least partly within the housing and the canopy moves from the housing and relative to the frame to a deployed position that reaches the outward extending end of the horizontal piece.

8. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain protector cover as in Claim [[6]] 23 wherein the curved piece includes a channel and the canopy includes a bead disposed in the channel.

9. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain protector cover as in Claim [[1]] 23 wherein the canopy in the stowed position lies within the footprint of the golf cart roof.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain protector cover as in Claim [[9]] 23 including a pair of spaced rails extending in a forward direction

from the frame and ~~positioned~~ and adapted for positioning below the golf cart roof with the canopy disposed between the rails.

12. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain ~~protector~~ cover as in Claim 11 wherein each rail has a channel and the canopy has side edges guided by the channel during movement between the stowed and deployed positions.

13. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain ~~protector~~ cover as in Claim [[9]] 11 ~~including wherein the~~ bias means urging the canopy towards the stowed position, ~~the bias means comprising~~ comprises:

- a) a rewind reel attached to at least one of the rails; and
- b) a chord wound on the reel, the chord having a free end attached to a trailing edge of the canopy material.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A retractable rain cover as in Claim [[17]]
11wherein the frame ~~includes a pair of spaced rails~~ are each attachable
attached to the underside of a golf cart roof and the canopy has opposite
side edges disposed in a channel extending along each rail.

19. (Withdrawn) A retractable rain cover as in Claim 18 including a
rewind reel on at least one of the rails and a chord extending from the
reel to a trailing edge of the canopy.

20. (Currently Amended) In combination with a golf cart having a roof
and having a rear portion adapted to carry at least one golf bag in an
upright position, a retractable rain cover, comprising:

a) a rigid frame connected to the golf cart at the rear thereof, the
frame ~~having an aft end portion~~ extending rearward and downward from
the golf cart rear roof line and ~~over the frame being adapted to overlie an~~
upper portion of a golf bag carried at the rear of the golf cart and ~~the~~
~~frame including a member extending below an upper portion of the golf~~
~~bag;~~

b) a flexible canopy carried by the frame, the canopy being
movable along the frame from a stowed position to a deployed position,
the canopy in the deployed position being adapted to protectively
~~overlying~~ overlie the golf bag; and

c) the canopy having at least one closable opening positioned so as to align that aligns with an upper end of the golf bag when the canopy is in the deployed position, the closable opening providing access to golf clubs in the bag without the need to stow the canopy.

21. (Original) A combination as in Claim 20 wherein the rigid frame includes a housing extending along the rear roof line of the golf cart and the canopy, in its stowed position, is at least partly retained in a roll within the housing.

22. (Withdrawn) A combination as in Claim 20 wherein the frame includes spaced rails that extend beneath the roof on the golf cart and attach to lateral side edges of the canopy and the canopy, in its stowed position, is substantially flat between the rails and is at least partly disposed within the footprint of the golf cart roof.

23. (New) A retractable rain cover for attachment to a golf cart, the golf cart having a roof and a rear end portion adapted to support at least two side-by-side upright golf bags, the rain cover being attachable to the golf cart roof and comprising:

a) a rigid open frame attachable to the golf cart roofs as to extend rearward from a rear roof line of the golf cart, the frame including

i) two upright pieces spaced a sufficient distance apart to accommodate two side-by-side upright golf bags therebetween.

ii) a horizontal piece extending in an aft direction from a lower end of each upright piece and

iii) a curved piece extending from an upper end of each upright piece to the outward end of each horizontal piece, the height, depth and length of the frame being sufficient to encompass the upper ends of two side-by-side upright golf bags;

b) a flexible canopy carried by the frame and movable relative to and along the frame between a stowed position and a deployed position, the canopy in the deployed position extending along and being supported by the curved pieces and the canopy in the deployed position being adapted to protectively overly the upper ends of two side-by-side upright golf bags;

c) the canopy having a pair of closable openings, each of the openings being so located that the openings are adapted to align with the upper ends of the golf bags when the canopy is in the deployed position thereby providing access to a golf club without the need to stow the canopy;

d) bias means associated with the frame urging the canopy to a stowed position; and

e) a catch on the frame adjacent the juncture of each horizontal piece and curved piece engageable with the canopy to hold the canopy in the deployed position against the bias.